

Trapped in Illinois' worst schools: Education outcomes in Illinois' lowest-performing public schools



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■ The problem

Most people assume that Chicago is home to Illinois' lowest-performing schools.

And that's not a far-fetched belief – Chicago's lowest-performing schools are doing a dismal job of teaching students the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the future.

Seventy-five percent of students at Chicago's lowest-performing elementary schools failed to meet standards on the Illinois Standard Achievement Test, or ISAT, which means they cannot read at grade level or do math at grade level.¹

At the city's lowest-performing high schools, the situation was even worse – 95 percent of students failed to meet standards.²

But Chicago is home to only 45 percent of the state's lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools.

More than half of Illinois' lowest-performing schools are outside of the city's borders.³

Illinois school districts with highest number of low-performing schools (outside of Chicago)

District	Number of low-performing schools
Rockford SD 205	15
Aurora East USD 131	14
Cicero SD 99	11
East St. Louis SD 189	9
Decatur SD 61	8
Peoria SD 150	8
Springfield SD 186	8
Cahokia CUSD 187	7
Dolton SD 149	7
North Chicago SD 187	7

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

Take, for example, the state's lowest-performing elementary school: Mark Twain Primary School in Kankakee. Last year, 91 percent of its students failed to meet standards on the ISAT, which means they cannot read at grade level or do math at grade level.⁴

A look at the data for the rest of Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools shows just how poor of a job these schools are doing:

- 72 percent of students at Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools failed to meet standards in math, with 53 percent one grade level behind, and 19 percent two or more grade levels behind. Eighth-grade students who are one grade level behind in math have difficulty solving one-step equations that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, while those who are two or more grade levels behind cannot solve fraction problems even when they have common denominators.

The real-life effects of a poor-quality education

Research shows that students who lack basic math and reading skills are more likely to drop out of high school, are less likely to graduate from college, are incarcerated at higher rates, are more likely to be unemployed, are more likely to enroll in public assistance programs and will make significantly less money than their peers who received quality educations.

According to Project READ, a national program designed to improve reading skills, the average ninth-grade student in a correctional facility can only read at the fourth-grade level.

There's no better time than now to provide students attending the state's lowest-performing elementary school and high schools the opportunity to attend higher-quality schools that will offer them a chance at a real education.

Doing so not only benefits the students, but also society at large.

Case in point: A recent Alliance for Excellent Education report showed that a 5 percent increase in male high school graduation rates would generate – through reductions in crime and increased tax revenue – an extra \$378 million for the state of Illinois.

The stakes are incredibly high. A recent study conducted by researchers at Harvard University showed that a child born into poverty in Illinois has only a 6.1 percent chance of earning an annual wage of more than \$100,000 by the time they're 40 – one of the lowest rates among all 50 states.

It also found that the areas with the highest rates of income mobility were those with the highest-quality schools, public or otherwise.

Some in Illinois will claim that nothing can be done to help students in the state's lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools. They argue that students' poverty is just too great of a hurdle to overcome.

But a new study conducted by the University of Chicago's Urban Education Lab showed that intense tutoring combined with group behavioral counseling can help high school students

- 72 percent of third-graders at Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools failed to meet standards in reading. Third-grade students who are behind in reading are unable to distinguish between the main idea and supporting details of a story.
- More than one-third of students at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools can only do middle-school math.
- Only 6 percent of students at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools score well enough on the ACT to be considered college-ready, meaning they have at least a 50 percent chance of getting a "B" or a 75 percent chance of getting a "C" in freshman college classes in reading, writing, math and science.

Unfortunately, the poor performance of Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools is not a one-year fluke. Most of these schools are persistently low-performing – some for more than a decade.

Every year a student stays at one of Illinois' failing schools is another year he or she falls further behind his or her peers. That's a big obstacle, since success in a school is a direct link to steadier employment, greater wages and higher self-confidence.

In fact, in 2012, the average college graduate earned \$50,734, while the average high school dropout only earned \$21,080.

Unfortunately, 137,340 students attend Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and 47,162 students attend Illinois' 10 percent lowest-performing high schools.

It's time for state's legislators to rescue students from Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools, and ensure that they will receive an education that will make a difference in their lives.

with weak math skills, chronic truancy and disciplinary problems improve their performance.

These weren't small gains. In fact, over an eight-month period, the 106 Chicago teenagers involved in the study learned the equivalent of what the average American high school student learns in math over three years of school. These teenagers were also far more likely to meet indicators of being on track to graduate from high school on time.

This new research flies in the face of people who, as head researcher Professor Jens Ludwig puts it: "are convinced that results like this aren't possible at all for disadvantaged teens [...] more and more people are of the view that you've got to reach poor kids by age 6, or it's too late and the effects on entrenched poverty are already too profound."

This research shows what education reformers have believed all along: that even students who are two, three or even five grade levels behind are not lost causes. With the right reforms and the right help, they can succeed.

■ The "underfunding" myth: More money won't fix broken schools

Apart from highlighting the bleak state of Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools, this special report also aims to answer this important question: How can we best help students in these schools?

The astonishing percentage of students failing to meet standards at the state's lowest-performing schools, the persistent low-quality of these schools and their shockingly low student academic growth scores make a compelling case that these are truly failed schools and students attending them should be given the opportunity to attend other, higher-quality schools using public money.

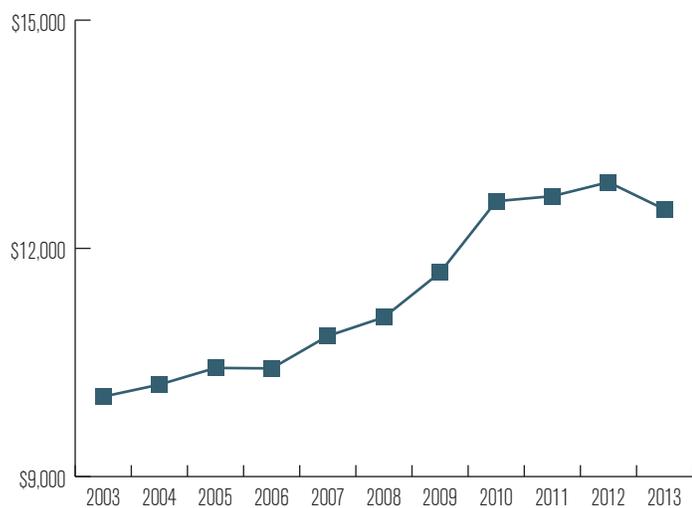
There is, however, a group of people who believe that Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools are poor-performing because they are underfunded. They also

contend that the state is failing to provide adequate funding to the districts where these schools are located – something it is tasked with doing under the General State Aid, or GSA, budget.

But, nothing could be further from the truth.

A look at the growth of per-student spending at Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools demonstrates as much. As the graph below indicates, per-student spending at Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools has increased to \$12,512 in 2013 from \$10,051 per student in 2003.⁵

Spending per student at Illinois’ lowest-performing schools has grown 24 percent over the past decade



Source: Illinois State Board of Education

A closer look at per-student spending growth in the districts with the largest number of low-performing schools fits this pattern as well.

Growth in spending per student, districts with highest number of low-performing schools (outside of Chicago)

District	Percent growth in spending per student: 2003-13
Rockford SD 205	-3
Aurora East USD 131	19
Cicero SD 99	32
East St. Louis SD 189	162
Decatur SD 61	29
Peoria SD 150	9
Springfield SD 186	20
Cahokia CUSD 187	60
Dolton SD 149	57
North Chicago SD 187	28

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

An analysis of the GSA funding the districts with the largest number of low-performing schools received in 2013 shows that a majority of the funding these schools receive comes from state and federal sources. In fact, the average low-performing school in Illinois receives 64 percent of its funding from federal and state sources.⁶

Percent of funding from state and federal sources, districts with highest number of low-performing schools (outside of Chicago)

District	Percent funding - state	Percent funding - federal	Percent funding - state and federal
Rockford SD 205	31	14	45
Aurora East USD 131	59	12	71
Cicero SD 99	67	12	79
East St. Louis SD 189	70	23	93
Decatur SD 61	45	11	56
Peoria SD 150	45	13	58
Springfield SD 186	30	15	45
Cahokia CUSD 187	60	19	79
Dolton SD 149	26	8	34
North Chicago SD 187	47	24	71

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

It’s clear from the data above that arguments about underfunding are unfounded. Funding at Illinois’ lowest-performing elementary schools and high schools has increased 24 percent over the past decade, and yet outcomes remain as poor as they have ever been.

Giving these schools more money is not the solution.

■ Determining the lowest-performing schools in Illinois

This report uses the same criteria the state uses to determine whether an elementary school or high school is high- or low-quality: student scores on state exams.

To determine the list of the 10 percent lowest-performing elementary schools, this report looks at the percentage of students who failed to meet standards on the Illinois Standard Achievement Test, or ISAT.

Similarly, this report uses the percentage of students that failed to meet standards on the Prairie State Achievement Exam, or PSAE, to determine its list of the 10 percent lowest-performing high schools.

A school is included on the lowest-performing list if its average ISAT or PSAE score is in the bottom 10 percent of all elementary schools and high schools in the state.

It's important to note that before the 2012-13 school year, ISAT and PSAE scores overstated the percentage of students reading and doing math at grade level. That's because the Illinois State Board of Education, or ISBE, continuously lowered standards to help districts and schools escape the penalties associated with the No Child Left Behind Act – a federal education law that required them to hit certain performance benchmarks year after year.

However, with the state's adoption of Common Core standards in 2010, ISBE decided to make it harder for students to meet state standards in an attempt to ease the transition to the more difficult Common Core-aligned tests that students will begin taking in 2014.

This has been painful for some schools and districts. In fact, the number of schools that had 90 percent or more of their students pass the reading and mathematics portions of the ISAT dropped to 58 in 2013 from 849 the year before – a 93 percent decrease.⁷

Urban districts such as Chicago took the biggest hit. In 2012, Chicago Public Schools, or CPS, only had 25 percent of students fail to meet standards on the ISAT. In 2013, more than 50 percent failed to accomplish the same goal.⁸

What does it mean when a student doesn't meet standards?

According to the ISBE, students who fail to meet standards on the ISAT in reading either “demonstrate an incomplete understanding of grade-level texts or have limited comprehension of grade-level texts,” depending on how low they score.⁹

In math, the same situation applies – students who fail to meet standards are not performing at grade level. Most can only do basic math, such as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing whole numbers.¹⁰

On the PSAE, students who do not meet standards in reading may “demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in the subject,”

but have a difficult time comprehending and analyzing texts. In math, students who score slightly below standards are unable to solve two-step equations that use decimals, while those who score well below standards have trouble comparing fractions with different denominators.¹¹

ISAT AND PSAE performance categories

A student's overall score on the ISAT and PSAE in reading and mathematics is placed in one of these four performance categories, depending on how he or she scores.

Exceeds standards: Student work demonstrates advanced knowledge and skills in the subject. Student creatively applies knowledge and skills to solve problems and evaluate the results.

Meets standards: Student work demonstrates proficient knowledge and skills in the subject. Student effectively applies knowledge and skills to solve problems.

Below standards: Student work demonstrates basic knowledge and skills in the subject. However, because of gaps in learning, student applies knowledge and skills in limited ways.

Academic warning: Student work demonstrates limited knowledge and skills in the subject. Because of major gaps in learning, student applies knowledge and skills ineffectively.

For the lowest-performing elementary schools, this report analyzes these statistics:

State standards – the percentage of students that failed to meet state standards in reading and mathematics on the ISAT combined; the percentage of students that failed to meet state standards in reading and mathematics on the ISAT separately; and the percentage of students that scored in the academic warning category in reading and mathematics on the ISAT.

Third-grade reading – the percentage of third-graders that scored in the below standards category and the academic warning category in reading.

Student academic growth – a measurement of students' academic growth from one year to the next.

For the lowest-performing high schools, this report examines:

State standards – the percentage of students that failed to meet state standards in reading and mathematics on the PSAE combined; the percentage of students that failed to meet state standards in reading and mathematics on the PSAE separately; and the percentage of students that scored in the academic warning category in reading and mathematics on the PSAE.

College readiness – students’ average ACT composite scores, and the percentage of students that scored well

enough on the ACT to have a 75 percent chance of earning a “C,” or a 50 percent chance of earning a “B,” in a freshman college class in reading, writing, math and science.

Graduation rate – the percentage of freshmen that graduated within four years.

■ The lowest-performing elementary schools in Illinois

Outside of Chicago, Illinois’ lowest-performing elementary schools are clustered in its most prominent cities.

Rockford and East Aurora school districts are each home to 15 and 14 of the lowest-performing elementary schools, respectively. In 2013, 71 percent of their students failed to meet standards on the ISAT, respectively, meaning that they struggle to read at grade level and do math at grade level.¹²

Not all of the state’s lowest-performing elementary schools are in Chicago’s suburbs – in fact, East St. Louis, Peoria, Springfield and Waukegan are each home to at least a half-dozen low-performing elementary schools.¹³

Illinois school districts with the highest number of low-performing elementary schools
(outside of Chicago)

City/town	Number of low-performing schools
Cahokia CUSD 187	7
Dolton SD 149	7
East St. Louis SD 189	7
Peoria SD 159	7
Springfield SD 186	7
Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview 89	6
North Chicago SD 187	6
Waukegan CUSD 60	6

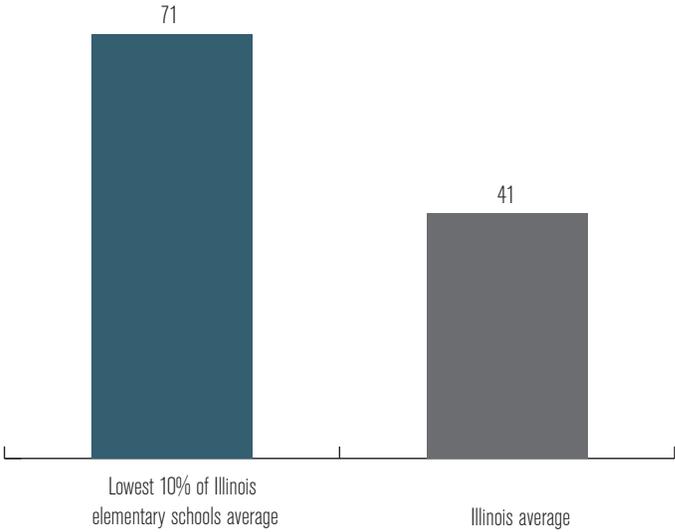
These schools are failing at their most basic responsibility: equipping children with the ability to learn and succeed in the future.

State standards

Students at Illinois’ lowest-performing elementary schools are underperforming their peers statewide. In fact, an overwhelming majority of students at these schools fail to meet state standards.¹⁴

71 percent of students at Illinois’ lowest-performing elementary schools cannot read at grade level or do math at grade level

Percentage of students that failed to meet standards on the ISAT in 2013



Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

A student needs only to be performing at grade level to meet standards.

For third-grade students, being at grade level means they can comprehend text aimed at their age group and reach conclusions about an author’s intended purpose of a passage. In math, it means they can solve basic addition and subtraction problems.¹⁵

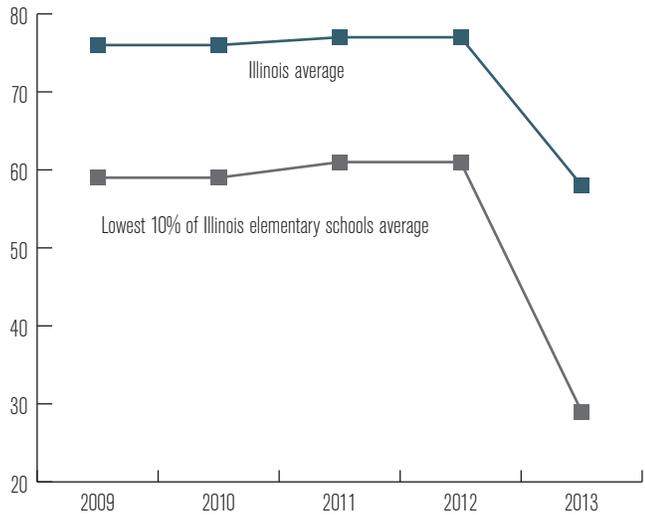
For eighth-grade students, being at grade level means they understand text suitable for their age group and can identify an author’s use of literary elements and devices, including point of view and dialogue, and their impact on a passage’s

effectiveness and tone or mood. In math, it means they can understand and can solve algebraic equations with at least one variable.¹⁶

The dismal 2013 ISAT scores for Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools aren't a fluke. Most of these schools have been persistently low-performing for almost a decade. A look at their average ISAT scores from 2009 to 2013 shows as much.¹⁷

Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools have performed poorly for years

Percentage of students that failed to meet standards on the ISAT from 2009 to 2013



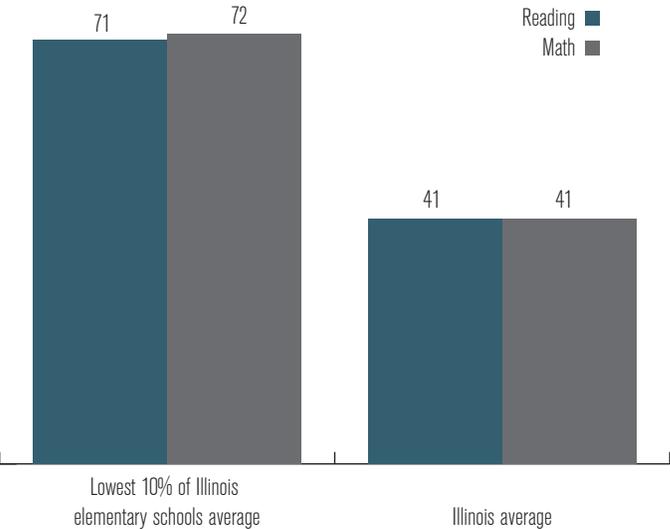
Source: Illinois State Board of Education; Illinois Interactive Report Card

Note: In 2013, the Illinois State Board of Education made it more difficult for Illinois students to meet standards on the ISAT. Because of this, fewer students statewide and in the state's lowest-performing schools met standards. These new scores are more accurate representations of whether students are performing at grade level.

Breaking down the percentage of students that failed to meet standards on the ISAT by subject reveals where students in Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools are really struggling.

72 percent of students in Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools cannot do grade-level math

Percentage of students that failed to meet standards in reading and math on the ISAT in 2013



Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

Compared to other schools across the state, students at Illinois' lowest-performing schools are scoring significantly below average in math and reading. Slightly more than 71 percent of students in Illinois' lowest-performing schools failed to meet standards in reading while 72 percent failed to meet standards in math.¹⁸ Compared to the statewide average of 41 percent in both math and reading, these schools fall far short.¹⁹

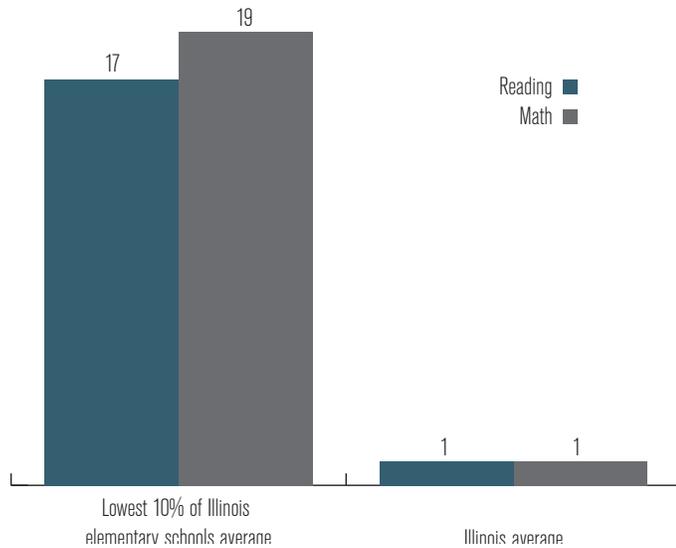
When a student fails to meet standards, they can score in two different categories: below standards or academic warning. Scoring in the below standards category means that a student is at least one grade-level behind. Students who score in the academic warning category, on the other hand, are two or more grade-levels behind.

A third-grade student who scores in the academic warning category in reading, for example, often confuses the main idea of a passage with its supporting details and cannot follow the sequence of plot events. If this same student scores in the warning category in math, he or she knows some basic addition and subtraction, but is unable to determine when their answer is unreasonable.²⁰

An eighth-grade student who scores in the warning category in reading, on the other hand, cannot identify the main idea of a passage and has trouble following the sequence of events. If this same student scores in the warning category in math, he or she can only do one-step addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems that involve whole numbers.²¹

19 percent of students in Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools are two or more grade-levels behind in math

Percentage of students that scored in the academic warning category on the ISAT in 2013



Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

Illinois' lowest-performing elementary schools are more than 19 times as likely as schools in the rest of the state to have students who scored in the academic warning category in math.

These statistics don't bode well for these students' futures. Being behind in reading and math in early grades can cause damage that is hard to reverse.

Third-grade reading

In a groundbreaking 2011 report, sociologist Donald Hernandez discovered that children who do not read proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out.

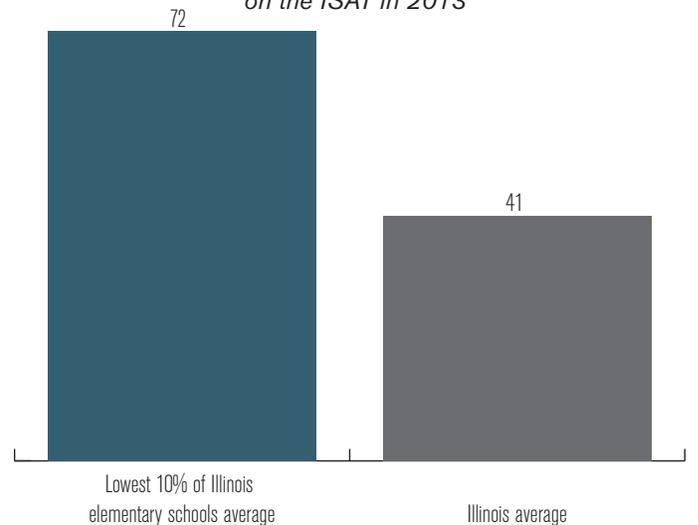
His analysis of the National Association of Education Progress, or NAEP, scores of nearly 4,000 students showed that dropout rates were highest for children reading below the test's basic level. In fact, he found that "children with the lowest reading scores account for a third of students but more than three-fifths of all children who do not graduate from high school."²²

While the Illinois Standard Achievement Test, or ISAT, is not the same test as the NAEP, it tests similar reading comprehension skills. Third-grade students scoring below standards in reading on the ISAT are as likely to fail to graduate high school, go to college or provide for themselves in the future as students who earn similar scores on the NAEP.

Unfortunately, 72 percent of third-grade students at Illinois' lowest-performing schools struggle to read at grade level.

Almost three-quarters of third-grade students at Illinois' lowest-performing schools struggle to read

Percentage of third-grade students who failed to meet standards on the ISAT in 2013



Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

Third-grade students who score in the below standards category in reading are often unable to distinguish between the main ideas and supporting details of a passage.²³

Some districts such as Chicago Public Schools have instituted retention policies that prevent third-grade students from going to fourth grade without being able to meet reading standards on the ISAT. Other districts should do the same.²⁴

Not doing so does students a great disservice – many of them may begin to think they are failures, not the products of the failing school they attend. This can leave scars that take decades, if not a lifetime, to heal.

Student academic growth

In May 2010, the Illinois State Board of Education, or ISBE, convened a group of district superintendents, policy experts and legislators to try come up with a better measure of student academic growth year to year.

What they decided on was a model that uses the existing state test performance categories (exceed standards, meets standards, below standards, academic warning) and awards points to individual students based on their growth in these categories on state tests year to year.²⁵

An elementary student's academic growth score goes up if he or she improves his or her performance on the ISAT – for example, scoring in the below standards category one year and the meeting standards category the next. It goes down if he or she does the same or worse – for example, scoring in the below standards category two years in a row.²⁶

It is important to note that students do not need to score in a different performance category to receive a higher student academic growth score – they just need to improve their performance on the ISAT.²⁷

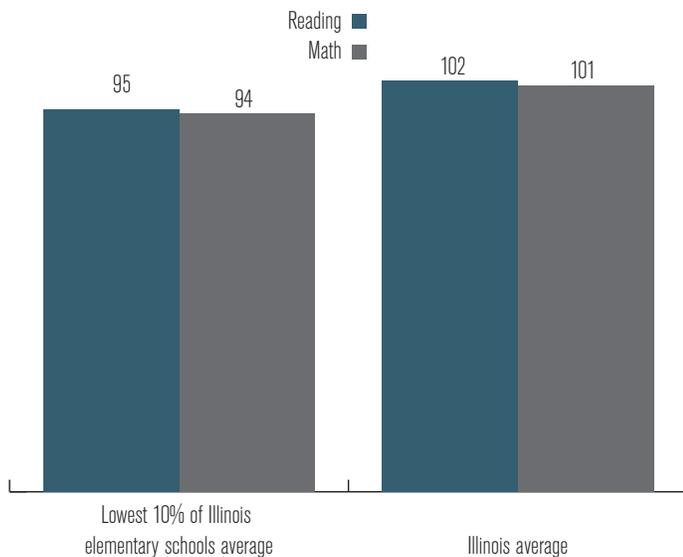
To determine a school’s student academic growth, or SAG, score, ISBE averages all of the students’ SAG scores from that school.²⁷

A school’s SAG score is expressed as a value between 0 and 200, where a number higher than 100 represents positive growth and a number below 100 represents negative growth. The further away from 100 a school is in either direction indicates its success at increasing student performance.²⁹

Unfortunately, while schools across the state are showing slight positive growth, Illinois’ lowest-performing elementary schools are actually getting worse. In fact, the average low-performing elementary school in the state has an average SAG score in reading of 95.³⁰ In math, the average is 94. Compared to the state average of 102 in reading and 101 in math, it’s clear that Illinois’ lowest-performing schools are failing to teach students what they need to learn to succeed.³¹

Illinois’ lowest performing elementary schools are failing to improve student performance year to year

Average student academic growth scores of elementary school students taking the 2012 and 2013 ISAT



Source: *Illinois Interactive Report Card*

Oftentimes, education reformers are accused of focusing too much on proficiency – whether a student hits a certain benchmark – rather than student growth year to year. But ISBE’s SAG scores allow policy experts to see whether schools are helping students grow academically even if they aren’t meeting standards.

The fact that the average low-performing school in Illinois has a score below 100 suggests that these schools are failing at

their most basic task: teaching children what they need to learn to succeed in high school and beyond.

Illinois’ lowest performing elementary schools are failing students

Children in Illinois’ 382 lowest-performing elementary schools are struggling to read and do math at grade level. A closer look at their scores on the ISAT shows just how far behind these students are – 19 percent of them scored in the warning category in math, and 17 percent scored in the warning category in reading, meaning they are two or more grade levels behind their peers. Their SAG scores shouldn’t inspire confidence either – they show that Illinois’ lowest-performing schools are failing to teach students what they need to know.

Couple these statistics with the fact that almost one-third of third-grade students in these schools can barely read and a disturbing picture starts to form: Illinois’ education system is failing to prepare its most vulnerable students for the future.

The low-quality education that students in Illinois’ lowest-performing elementary schools receive leaves lasting scars that follow them well into the future. A student who fails to meet standards on the ISAT is almost guaranteed to not meet standards on the Prairie State Achievement Exam, or the PSAE. This, in turn, makes it very likely that the same student will not be qualified enough to be accepted at any college.

What’s left is a future that many high school dropouts are already experiencing – a life of minimum-wage jobs and chronic unemployment, or worse.³²

■ Illinois' lowest-performing high schools

While a bulk of the state's lowest-performing elementary schools are outside of Chicago, many of the state's lowest-performing high schools are in the city.³³

Those outside of Chicago are in some of the same cities and towns as Illinois lowest-performing elementary schools. East St. Louis – which has six low-performing elementary schools – is also home to three low-performing high schools.

Illinois school districts with the highest number of low-performing high schools

(outside of Chicago)

District	Number of low-performing schools
East. St. Louis SD 189	3
Belvidere CUSD 100	1
Bremen CHSD 228	1
Cairo USD 1	1
Madison CUSD 12	1
Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview 89	1
McLean County USD 5	1
Meridian CUSD 101	1
Meredosia-Chambersburg CUSD 11	1
North Chicago SD 187	1
Peoria SD 150	1
Scott-Morgan CUSD 2	1
Springfield SD 186	1
Thornton TWP HSD 205	1

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

The state's lowest-performing high school is in Normal. Outside of Chicago, almost 96 percent of students at YouthBuild McLean County Charter School failed to meet standards on the Prairie State Achievement Test, or PSAE – a test taken by all juniors in Illinois.

To meet standards on the PSAE, students need to be performing at grade level.

In reading, this means that they “demonstrate a general understanding of important ideas in a text [...] and can understand theme and the author's purpose in a passage.” In math, students who meet standards demonstrate a “proficient command of algebra, geometry, probability, statistics and data analysis.”³⁴

Unfortunately, the other 68 low-performing high schools in Illinois aren't much different from YouthBuild McLean County Charter School in Normal. They also have dismally low test scores, high drop-out rates, low-graduation rates and embarrassing student achievement growth scores.

They are failing at their most basic task – preparing students for the future – and are leaving a generation of children without the knowledge and the skills they need to be successful.

The sad fact is that most students attending the state's lowest-performing high schools will end up living a life of economic insecurity. They will jump from minimum wage job to minimum wage job, be chronically unemployed, on public assistance or worse. They will struggle to provide for themselves and their families – in part, because they were forced to attend a school that everyone knew was failing them.³⁵

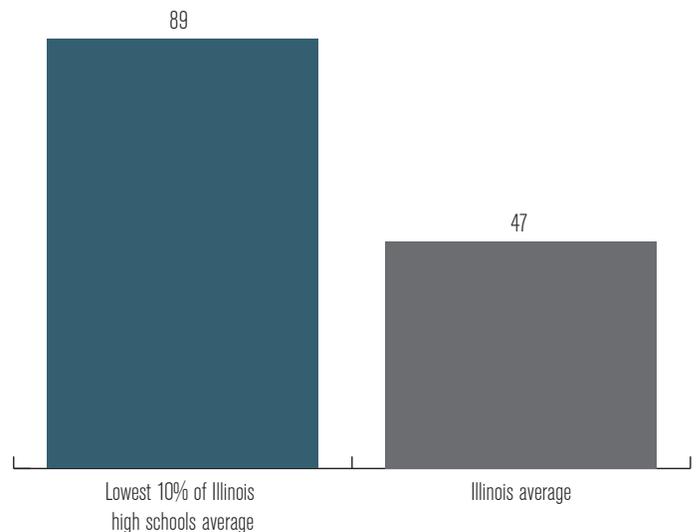
State standards

Most Illinois high schools have struggled to ensure that students are ready for college. In fact, more than half of all Illinois students failed to receive good enough scores on the PSAE, to meet this benchmark in 2013.

The numbers are even more depressing for the state's lowest-performing high schools. There, 89 percent of students failed to meet standards.³⁶

89 percent of students at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools cannot read at grade level or do math at grade level

Percentage of students who failed to meet standards on the PSAE in 2013

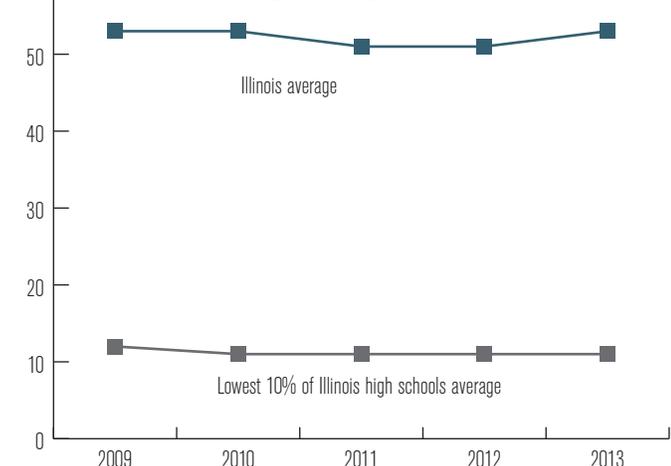


Source: Illinois State Board of Education

These scores continue a trend of low performance at these schools. In fact, since 2004, scores at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools have flatlined.³⁷

Illinois' lowest-performing high schools are persistently low-performing

Percentage of students who met standards on the PSAE from 2009 to 2013



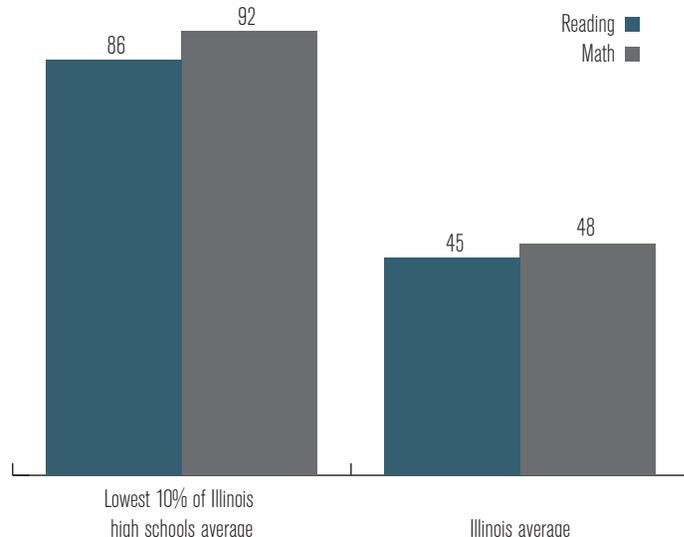
Source: Illinois State Board of Education; Illinois Interactive Report Card

Broken down by subject matter, in 2013 students in Illinois' lowest-performing schools struggled the most in math. In fact, more than 92 percent of students failed to meet standards. In reading, the numbers were almost as bad, with 86 percent of students failing to meet standards. Compared to all Illinois schools at 45 percent for reading and 48 percent for math, the state's lowest-performing schools are struggling to teach students what they need to know.³⁸

A student who fails to meet standards in math on the PSAE has difficulty answering two-step equations, especially when whole numbers are not used. In reading, this same student can generally talk about characters' motivations, but has a difficult time following a passage's plot.³⁹

9 out of 10 juniors at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools cannot do math at grade-level

Percentage of students who failed to meet standards in math and reading on the PSAE in 2013



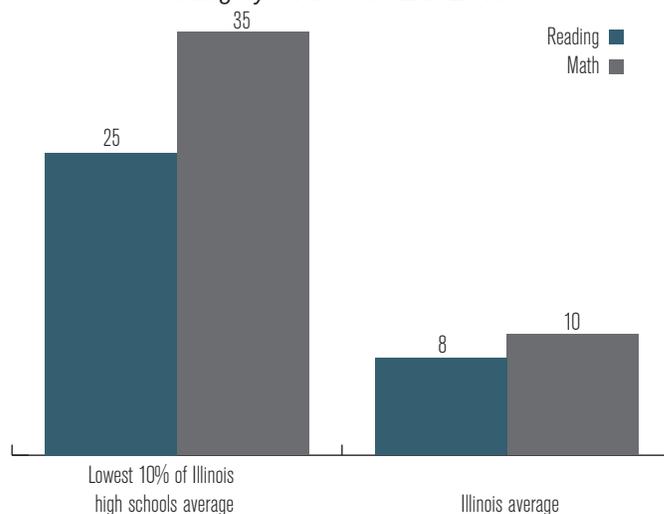
Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

A look at the percentage of students who scored significantly below standards – in the academic warning category – shows just how much Illinois' lowest-performing high schools are failing their students.

Students who score in the academic warning category on the PSAE in reading “demonstrate limited knowledge and skills ... and can recognize a few basic literary elements, such as setting, conflict and plot.” In math, these same students “have difficulty completing one-step percentage problems, and have limited knowledge of algebra and geometry.”⁴⁰

More than one-third of juniors at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools can only do middle-school math

Percentage of students that scored in the academic warning category on the PSAE in 2013



Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

Unfortunately, Illinois' lowest-performing high schools are three times as likely to have students scoring in the academic warning category in math and reading as the average Illinois public school. Students who score in the academic warning category at these schools lack the skills to get even minimum wage jobs, let alone employment that will provide them with economic security in the future.

College-readiness

Under Illinois law, every junior in the state is required to take the ACT – a national test that most Midwestern students take if they want to attend college.

A student can score anywhere from 1 (low) to 36 (high) on each of the ACT's four subject-matter tests – English, mathematics, reading and science. He or she will also receive a composite score, which is the average of the four test scores.

According to the company that administers the ACT, if a student scores a 21 on a subject-matter test, it means that he or she is college-ready in the subject. If a student is able to get at least a 21 in all four sections, he or she is considered completely college-ready.

What exactly does it mean to be college-ready?

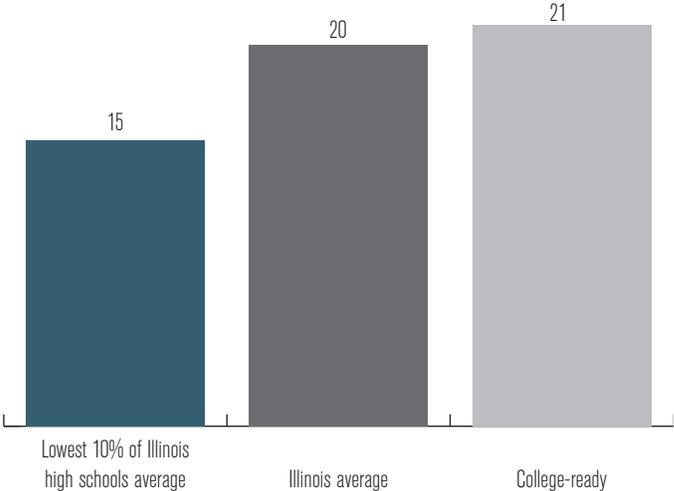
The ACT explains it this way: a college-ready student is one who has a 75 percent chance of getting a "C," or a 50 percent chance of getting a "B," in a freshman college course in the same subject matter.⁴¹

Though this may not seem like a high threshold to meet, many Illinois' schools have had a difficult time reaching this benchmark. In fact, only one-quarter of schools across the state can claim to have average composite scores higher than 21.

Though many individual students at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools have surpassed this mark, none of the schools have. In fact, their average ACT scores are significantly below the state average of 20.

The average ACT score of students at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools is well below the college-ready average

Average scores of students taking the ACT

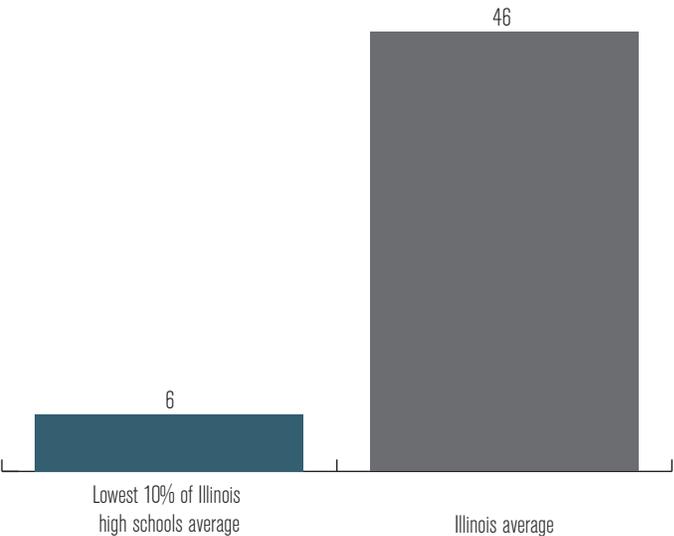


Source: Illinois State Board of Education

A closer look at the actual percentage of students who are considered college-ready in Illinois' lowest-performing schools is startlingly low. Only 6 percent of students scored at least a 21 on all four subject matter tests on the ACT – well below the state average of 46 percent.⁴²

Only 6 percent of students at Illinois' lowest-performing high schools are ready for college

Percentage of students at Illinois' lowest-performing schools that scored at least a 21 on all four subject matter tests on the ACT



Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

Of course, not all Illinois students will go to college – holding such a lofty standard is unrealistic and potentially counterproductive. But Illinois citizens should expect, at a bare minimum, that all Illinois high school students have the knowledge and skills necessary to be prepared for college, if they choose to go. The fact that only 6 percent of students at the state’s lowest-performing high schools meet this threshold shows just how poor of a job these schools are doing at preparing students for the future.

Graduation rates

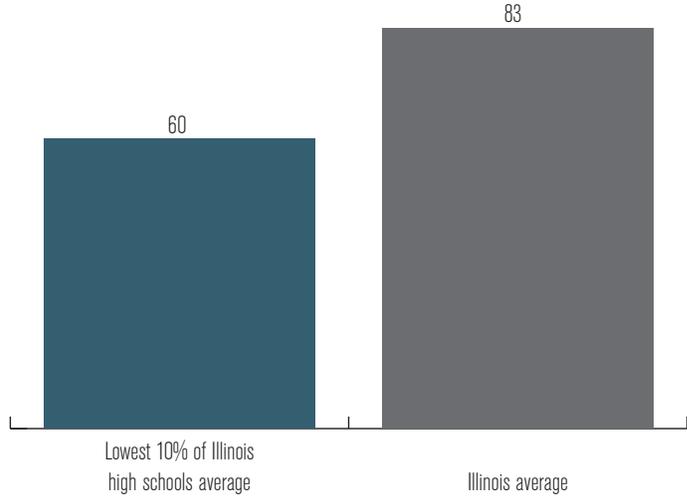
Over the past couple of years, it’s been difficult to truly determine how many students are graduating from high school in Illinois. The state, districts and individuals schools have calculated the statistic differently – often misleading parents in the process.

The Illinois State Board of Education, or ISBE, recently enacted specific guidelines that fit more naturally with what Illinois citizens would commonly think a graduation rate represents: the percentage of students who graduate from high school within four years of beginning ninth grade.

Unfortunately, the graduation rate at Illinois’ lowest-performing schools is significantly below the state’s average – 60 percent compared to 83 percent, respectively.⁴³

Slightly more than half of freshman at Illinois’ lowest-performing high schools end up graduating

Percentage of freshman who graduate within four years



Source: Illinois Interactive Report Card

Still, it’s startling that Illinois’ lowest-performing high schools have such a high graduation rate, given the fact that only 89 percent of students at these schools don’t perform at grade-level in math and reading. This indicates that these schools are graduating students even though they’re ill-prepared for a career or college.

Illinois’ lowest-performing high schools are failing students

Illinois’ lowest-performing high schools are failing to provide even the most basic education for their students. The fact that more than half of all juniors at these schools cannot solve simple algebra problems is proof of this.

This is the sad state of affairs at Illinois’ lowest-performing high schools. Instead of preparing students for the future, these schools are setting them up for a life of struggle and hardship.

Case in point – in 2012, the average college graduate earned \$50,734 while the average high-school dropout only earned \$21,080.⁴⁴

The No. 1 priority for the state and school districts should be to provide these students with immediate relief by allowing them to attend higher-quality schools using public money.

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Appendix: Illinois' lowest-performing schools

Lowest-performing elementary schools

School name	District #	City	County	Enrollment	ISAT % meet/exceed - 2013	ISAT % meet/exceed - 2012	ISAT % meet/exceed - 2011	ISAT % meet/exceed - 2010	ISAT % meet/exceed - 2009	ISAT % meet/exceed (reading) - 2013	ISAT % meet/exceed (math) - 2013	ISAT % warning (reading) - 2013	ISAT % warning (math) - 2013	ISAT % meet/exceed third-grade (reading) - 2013	Student academic growth score (reading)	Student academic growth score (math)
Mark Twain Primary School	1110	Kankakee	Kankakee	418	9	64	70	73	71	8	4	24	20	11		
Venice Elem School	0030	Venice	Madison	112	10	40	50	50	46	9	11	33	48	8	89	85
Gordon Bush Elementary	1890	East Saint Louis	Saint Clair	538	11	62	70	72	72	15	7	29	35	16	67	63
Dewey Academy of Fine Arts ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	331	12	45	45	36	64	10	14	29	29	19	90	84
Jenner Academy of The Arts ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	320	13	53	57	44	50	13	12	18	21	3	96	88
East St Louis-Lincoln Middle Sch	1890	East St Louis	Saint Clair	688	14	58	67	68	58	16	12	23	28		86	78
Ellis Arts Academy	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	457	15	57	60	59	62	17	13	30	35	22	91	94
Bond Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	431	16	60	64	57	52	18	14	27	33	11	96	90
West Pullman Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	295	16	58	58	58	50	19	12	25	34	29	87	82
Lawndale Community Academy ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	467	17	54	48	50	52	16	17	24	33	10	89	84
William Harris Elem School	0610	Decatur	Macon	209	17	48	58	51	57	21	13	29	33	24	91	93
Lovejoy Middle School	1880	Lovejoy	Saint Clair	24	17	52	62	63	69	14	18	0	18			
Harrison Comm Learning Cntr	1500	Peoria	Peoria	723	17	44	57	56	66	19	15	26	26	19	86	84
Trewyn K-8 School	1500	Peoria	Peoria	566	18	46	46	43	44	22	15	20	34	22	95	86
North Elementary School	1870	North Chicago	Lake	470	18	55	53	52	42	22	15	17	27	31	96	85
CIGS Rockford Patriots	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	395	18									30		
Johnson Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	399	19	65	60	52	42	23	14	16	27	13	89	82
Kennedy Middle School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	700	19	51	61	62	63	20	17	26	31		89	89
Holmes Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	275	19	45	49	46	43	16	22	28	29	11	92	88
Beyer Elem School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	220	19	46	43	39	43	14	24	35	37	22	86	91

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Mason Elem School	1890	East Saint Louis	Mason	722	19					19	19	27	25		82	85
Fuller Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	251	19	39	37	36	42	15	23	19	24	9	100	107
Dunbar Elem School	1890	East St Louis	Saint Clair	541	20	75	88	83	77	22	17	23	22	27	82	82
Neal Math Science Academy	1870	North Chicago	Lake	508	20	54	50	52	49	24	17	19	25		90	88
Lewis Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	578	20	48	54	47	46	24	16	19	26	18	98	96
Till Math & Science Academy ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	480	21	54	50	45	48	22	19	14	23	18	98	95
Dvorak Technology Acad Elem Sch	2990	Chicago	Cook	513	21	53	58	57	60	27	15	22	29	25	92	87
Katie Harper-Wright Elem	1890	East Saint Louis	Saint Clair	549	21	64	60	53	53	26	17	17	18	34	81	83
Aldridge Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	241	22	57	63	56	49	25	18	12	27	28	95	84
Steuben Elementary School	1110	Kankakee	Kankakee	345	22	60	68	61	64	14	13	24	35	22		
Herzl Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	470	22	44	50	40	51	20	24	26	24	16	92	102
Parker Community Academy Elem	2990	Chicago	Cook	815	22	57	61	55	46	26	17	18	27	23	96	85
Yale Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	172	22	52	53	51	50	20	23	24	32	4	91	91
Creative Communications Acad	1490	Calumet City	Cook	247	22					27	16	13	20	27	96	93
South Elementary School	1870	North Chicago	Lake	305	22	51	55	63	57	28	16	18	30	27	93	90
James Avant Elementary School	1890	Washington Pk	Saint Clair	520	22	74	59	60	61	23	21	15	25	16	79	80
Sexton Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	360	22	62	58	52	52	23	21	16	24	27	95	92
Woodson South Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	364	22	62	50	53	53	21	24	19	18	9	91	97
Libby Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	523	23	51	52	53	45	22	23	17	19	25	100	96
Revere Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	325	23	57	59	59	56	28	18	20	23	33	88	86
Dongola Jr High School	0660	Dongola	Union	43	23	57	64	70	63	18	29	37	18		67	102
Doolittle Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	290	23	46	49	44	45	18	27	19	22	17	94	97
Maplewood Elem School	1870	Cahokia	Saint Clair	419	23	66	71	67	67	26	19	17	27	26		

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Hope Academy	0610	Decatur	Macon	382	23	56	66	64	64	27	18	19	26	26	93	87
Rock Island Academy	0410	Rock Island	Rock Island	540	23	44	45	39	48	25	20	25	32	13	98	96
Parkside Elem Community Academy	2990	Chicago	Cook	311	23	48	54	50	40	26	21	23	19	54	91	97
Rosa L Parks Middle School	1470	Dixmoor	Cook	404	23	54	55	49	47	25	23	16	17		94	90
Brush College Elem School	0610	Decatur	Macon	175	24	55	74	77	69	32	15	18	21	32	103	97
Annette Officer Elementary	1890	East Saint Louis	Saint Clair	506	24		82	78	61	24	23	18	21	33	87	81
Oak Park Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	589	24	54	49	46	46	24	23	19	23	24	96	92
Von Humboldt Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	358	24	61	60	53	57	26	21	15	16	23	93	96
Rickover Jr High School	1680	Sauk Village	Cook	517	24	66	73	69	65	27	20	16	20		95	84
Wadsworth Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	248	24	60	54	50	53	33	15	16	28	33	96	87
Ross Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	326	24	49	44	47	40	24	24	20	18	17	95	102
Catalyst Elem Charter School	2990	Chicago	Cook	493	24									17		
Stagg Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	531	24	54	55	49	53	24	25	25	25	28	95	100
Garfield Elem School	1180	Danville	Vermilion	314	24	64	69	68	63	30	19	13	17	35	96	82
Haskell Academy	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	298	24	58	70	64	61	24	25	14	16	17	96	100
Meridian Elementary School	1010	Mounds	Pulaski	444	25	54	54	62	60	24	26	23	23	40	83	89
Ryder Math & Sci Specialty ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	280	25	61	58	62	57	24	26	13	15	13	94	99
Frances Willard Elem School	0410	Rock Island	Rock Island	358	25	46	48	61	61	25	24	25	33	36	92	93
Kishwaukee Elem School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	326	25	48	55	53	54	23	26	23	21	28	92	99
Dulles Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	521	25	69	60	43	49	20	30	13	7	31	91	88
Roosevelt Magnet School	1500	Peoria	Peoria	716	25	63	71	77	81	27	22	23	24	31	91	91
Young Womens Leadership Chartr HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	345	25	48	53	45	44	33	18	62	64		97	86

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Edison Primary School	1110	Kankakee	Kankakee	221	25	72	79	76	96	25	25	11	21	27		
Glen Oak Comm Learning Cntr	1500	Peoria	Peoria	935	25	47	48	49	44	27	24	22	23	25	95	100
Carter Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	339	25	58	55	57	52	31	20	15	22	34	98	92
A J Katzenmaier Elem School	1870	North Chicago	Lake	397	25	53	59	58	62	28	23	20	25	21	94	95
Gresham Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	333	25	58	64	54	54	23	27	18	17	17	91	93
Wells Elem School	0370	East Moline	Rock Island	445	25	68	65	63	69	34	17	11	23	41	97	102
Strassburg Elem	1680	Sauk Village	Cook	472	25	59	60	57	53	29	22	13	17	28	94	96
Hammond Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	466	25	50	63	55	55	26	25	14	27	25	105	96
Lafayette Primary School	1110	Kankakee	Kankakee	223	25	60	68	66	84	30	13	19	21	32		
Wilson Elem School	1700	Chicago Heights	Cook	306	26	58	60	54	57	28	23	20	16	33	94	90
Chalmers Elem Specialty School	2990	Chicago	Cook	354	26	54	53	44	38	32	19	17	24	34	102	96
South View Middle School	1180	Danville	Vermilion	662	26	63	62	69	75	25	25	21	20		90	87
8 Points Charter School	1170	Jacksonville	Morgan	96	26	26	55			26	25	23	24		85	84
Mason Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	480	26	50	55	61	62	30	21	19	25	24	99	95
Oglesby Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	431	26	57	57	44	47	31	21	17	23	27	100	102
Avalon Park Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	313	26	58	57	54	45	31	21	16	20	29	95	91
Mann Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	453	26	54	54	52	61	28	24	13	23	35	103	97
Hope Inst Learning Acad ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	376	26	53	48	56		33	19	18	27	30	102	92
Holmes Elem School	1520	Harvey	Cook	373	26	64	72	68	72	30	22	14	15	28	104	98
C I Johnson Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	422	26	63	56	58	57	29	23	15	18	27	97	88
Van Orin Elem School	3030	Van Orin	Bureau	80	26	79	56	83	81	33	19	5	19	33		
Greenbay Elem School	1870	North Chicago	Lake	275	26	59	49	54	53	30	23	15	19	37	85	92

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Penniman Elem School	1870	Cahokia	Saint Clair	326	27	76	74	59	72	25	28	11	13		92	89
School of Fine Arts	1490	Calumet City	Cook	245	27											
Burke Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	264	27	58	57	54	51	28	26	19	19	12	102	92
Thurgood Marshall Elem School	0880	Bellwood	Cook	332	27	61	61	58	54	30	23	12	12	26	93	96
Jackson M Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	294	27	52	63	61	59	31	23	19	23	28	96	94
Brunson Math & Science ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	614	27	56	59	54	47	27	27	18	18	28	97	96
Smith W Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	330	27	57	58	54	57	30	23	17	22	19	102	97
Abraham Lincoln Middle School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	748	27	62	65	65	62	27	27	22	20		92	94
Lewis Lemon Elementary	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	440	27	54	57	52	47	26	28	21	21	32	91	90
Manierre Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	350	27	54	59	56	55	21	33	23	17	25	87	98
Oliver Parks Elementary School	1870	Cahokia	Saint Clair	192	27	71	67	62	68	27	27	18	11		93	86
Daniel Burnham Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	1203	27	60	59	59	58	29	26	18	17	28	97	97
Warren Park School	0990	Cicero	Cook	246	27	56	56	67	68	29	25	15	17	29		
Lavizzo Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	401	27	75	56	37	50	30	24	20	24	18	84	83
Washington Junior High	1480	Riverdale	Cook	155	27	55	68	55	51	31	23	13	20		99	95
Hoover Elem School	1570	Calumet City	Cook	634	27	58	54	62	64	33	22	11	22	39	93	84
Cicero West Elementary School	0990	Cicero	Cook	1017	27	63	53	49	51	26	29	13	10	25		
Barton Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	635	27	59	58	54	51	28	26	16	18	27	97	92
Diekman Elem School	1490	Dolton	Cook	373	27	64	61	53	66	32	25	15	21	41	93	90
J W Riley Elem School	0870	Northlake	Cook	460	27	75	70	69	68	30	25	16	15	32	82	76
Ericsson Elem School	0400	Moline	Rock Island	179	27	61	63	65	70	24	30	4	18	33	102	93
Elizabeth Morris Elem School	1870	Cahokia	Saint Clair	438	28	71	81	62	76	32	22	19	18	32		

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Wentworth Intermediate School	1550	Calumet City	Cook	357	28	63	58	56	52	35	20	12	23	34	97	89
Williams Multiplex Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	251	28	62	74	61	64	27	28	17	17	13	96	93
Pioneer Elem School	0330	West Chicago	DuPage	550	28	63	59	61	61	30	26	13	17	22	105	90
Woods Math & Science Acad Elem Sc	2990	Chicago	Cook	365	28	66	65	66	52	23	32	18	21	5	97	95
West Middle School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	786	28	48	47	44	46	30	25	19	21		90	87
McNair Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	356	28	58	6	55	44	29	27	18	27	18	96	91
McIntosh Science and Tech Magnet	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	441	28	55	58	54	53	24	33	26	23	24	86	99
Bright Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	286	28	59	61	59	64	29	27	18	18	32	99	100
Bradwell Comm Arts & Sci Elem Sch	2990	Chicago	Cook	779	28	58	52	48	42	27	29	22	21	22	92	93
Gale Community Academy Elem Sch	2990	Chicago	Cook	497	28	61	59	55	56	28	28	14	18	33	99	104
Fairfield Academy Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	585	28	47	48	47	46	28	28	22	21	40	94	91
Smith Elem School	1290	Aurora	Kane	495	28	60	56	59	64	28	29	24	22	23	93	90
Benjamin Franklin Elem School	0610	Decatur	Macon	283	28	53	63	61	62	28	28	11	23	36	100	92
Julia Lathrop Elem School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	407	28	54	52	54	49	23	33	23	18	20	99	100
Edwin A Lee Elementary School	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	240	28	39	53	43	49	29	28	14	15	28	97	101
Hearst Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	331	28	46	51	59	45	26	31	14	18	13	105	111
Marquette Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1307	28	52	53	51	55	31	26	15	19	24	107	103
Nixon Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1103	28	65	66	63	64	27	30	13	14	22	97	102
Kanoon Magnet Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	749	29	58	57	57	54	27	30	18	16	21	100	104
Gen George Patton Elem School	1330	Riverdale	Cook	344	29	60	59	54	53	27	30	18	18	50	90	96
Songhai Learning Institute ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	313	29	59	56	49	55	27	30	16	9	39	97	108
Eagle Ridge School	0360	Silvis	Rock Island	273	29	65	64	72	62	26	31	17	13	42	87	95

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Henderson Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	357	29	52	52	46	40	29	29	16	17	40	99	99
Emden Elementary School	0210	Emden	Logan	75	29	84	94	95	75	39	19	12	8	58		
Manual Academy	1500	Peoria	Peoria	999	29	11	10	15	12	20	38	18	12		95	103
Cairo Elementary School	0010	Cairo	Alexander	360	29	61	59			23	35	10	10	23	100	103
Smyth J Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	458	29	60	54	44	47	25	34	21	16	24	90	94
Rose E Krug Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	382	29	57	60	56	52	28	31	18	21	25	98	99
Edna Rollins Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	528	29	66	60	58	58	27	32	15	16	18	94	92
Sullivan Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	482	29	58	56	48	51	35	23	17	21	33	102	96
Emerson Elem School	0890	Maywood	Cook	358	29	67	65	63	67	37	22	11	21	31	100	95
Novak-King Sixth Grade Center	1870	North Chicago	Lake	248	29	59	69	68	68	32	26	17	26		97	91
Carver Primary School	2990	Chicago	Cook	503	29	59	60	55	65	33	26	19	21	32	98	93
Lexington Elem School	0890	Maywood	Cook	307	29	66	57	66	70	34	25	14	23	32	89	86
Bass Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	334	30	70	55	54	49	30	29	14	19	31	93	85
Reavis Math & Sci Specialty ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	273	30	55	57	52	51	39	2-	10	21	19	104	91
King Elementary School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	271	30	52	52	52	58	29	30	16	17	34	99	104
Carman-Buckner Elem School	0600	Waukegan	Lake	663	30	60	55	47	42	25	34	18	17	27	91	100
McAuliffe Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	729	30	64	65	63	64	30	30	19	17	24	95	100
Washington Elem School	0890	Maywood	Cook	378	30	54	57	57	71	33	26	16	20	24	102	98
McKinley Elem School	0880	Bellwood	Cook	452	30	57	62	54	54	36	24	12	18	34	99	96
Woodbine Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	449	30	57	65	51	64	30	28	13	20	31		
Mireles Elem Academy	2990	Chicago	Cook	819	30	52	53	59	49	27	33	21	18	16	99	108
Hughes L Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	394	30	64	64	51	51	32	28	11	19	33	95	101

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Lowell-Longfellow Elem School	1520	Harvey	Cook	253	30	66	67	78	60	32	28	8	13	30	93	92
Washington Elem School	1480	Riverdale	Cook	386	30	53	55	55	54	31	29	18	17	24	100	107
Matheny-Withrow Elem Sch	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	230	30	51	58	52	46	28	32	8	10	43	93	96
Tilton Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	302	30	59	51	56	57	28	31	23	23	14	101	97
Longfellow Elem School	0410	Rock Island	Rock Island	348	30	68	60	60	66	31	29	16	19	38	90	88
Currier Elementary School	0330	West Chicago	DuPage	529	30	67	70	66	68	30	30	15	16	17	102	96
Monge Jr High School	0880	Crest Hill	Will	160	30	73	70	74	69	37	23	11	22		92	89
Irving Elem School	0890	Maywood	Cook	391	30	64	60	57	55	32	28	17	17	47	93	92
C M Bardwell Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	1013	30	62	59	56	59	31	28	14	14	21	102	100
Langford A Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	320	30	65	60	49	38	28	32	14	17	19	95	95
Greenview Jr/Sr High School	2000	Greenview	Menard	103	30											
Crown Comm Acad Fine Arts ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	277	30	58	59	55	50	29	32	13	12	33	93	100
Eisenhower School	1510	South Holland	Cook	316	30	84	73	73	72	40	21	10	12	40		
Fiske Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	219	30	71	59	65	68	33	27	14	19	38	92	92
Penn Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	342	30	56	56	51	51	36	25	15	18	26	100	95
Westcott Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	414	30	64	61	54	49	34	27	15	14	29	98	93
Randolph Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	543	30	66	61	57	56	25	36	18	15	22	90	94
Robert Frost Middle School	1525	Markham	Cook	222	30	60	56	59	61	34	29	11	13		99	100
L D Brady Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	610	31	57	57	52	46	28	34	23	21	27	95	93
Nicholas A Hermes Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	1018	31	60	61	56	56	29	33	18	20	22	96	92
Lincoln Junior High School	1480	Dolton	Cook	228	31	66	67	70	68	32	29	15	13		91	91
Sherman Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	437	31	62	59	56	51	29	33	16	14	23	97	98

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Sterling Middle School	1500	Peoria	Peoria	353	31	60	64	64	58	29	32	23	21		89	92
Daniel Webster Middle School	0600	Waukegan	Lake	644	31	62	63	64	59	28	33	18	15		89	92
New Beginnings Learning Academy	1490	South Holland	Cook	434	31	58	61	66	62	36	26	12	20	27	104	100
Huffman Elem School	1870	Cahokia	Saint Clair	302	31	67	58	58	70	32	30	12	11		95	96
Rockford Envrnmntl Science Acad	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	1111	31	63	61	62	64	29	33	22	16		90	92
Lincoln Elem School	0040	Addison	DuPage	480	31	64	63	65	69	34	28	11	13	30	98	95
Maya Angelou Elem Sch	1520	Harvey	Cook	283	31	61	68	62	65	32	30	15	16	38	94	97
Whittier Elem School	0600	Waukegan	Lake	609	31	64	57	49		27	35	13	14	24	93	93
DePue Elem School	1030	DePue	Bureau	380	31	67	63	60	67	31	32	15	11	33	95	90
Olney C Allen Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	1020	31	59	63	60	61	34	28	11	16	36	97	94
7th Grade Academy	1870	Cahokia	Saint Clair	274	31											
Meade Park Elem School	1180	Danville	Vermilion	466	31	57	58	59	59	34	29	15	18	32	94	96
Stephen Decatur Middle School	0610	Decatur	Macon	424	31	68	74	70	63	29	33	18	16		89	92
Fairmont School	0890	Lockport	Will	319	31	60	55	53	56	34	29	12	20	34	93	90
Schmid Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	184	31	56	70	69	65	30	33	20	21	20	101	109
Glenwood Elementary School	0600	Waukegan	Lake	665	31	66	68	69	69	30	33	12	12	33	96	96
U S Grant Middle School	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	550	31	70	68	69	67	33	30	17	16		94	90
Piccolo Specialty Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	524	31	48	47	44	53	29	34	17	17	21	105	108
Ruggles Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	423	31	58	58	51	43	36	27	10	17	42	100	93
S T E M Academy	1490	Calumet City	Cook	251	32											
Hinton Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	282	32	63	52	52	54	26	37	15	12	16	95	104
Curtis Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	456	32	64	60	46	40	27	36	18	11	19	99	101

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Edison Jr High School	0410	Rock Island	Rock Island	442	32	63	68	71	73	30	33	24	18		92	92
Edinburg Jr High School	0040	Edinburg	Christian	48	32	68	76	85	85	41	22	16	14		88	78
Lorenzo R Smith Academy	2590	Hopkins Park	Kankakee	282	32	61	65	68	68	30	33	17	19	23	90	88
Legacy Acad of Excellence Charter	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	381	32	60	58	52		35	28	12	19	30	105	97
8th Grade Academy	1870	Cahokia	Saint Clair	263	32											
Southwest Elem School	1180	Danville	Vermilion	409	32	62	62	62	69	37	26	8	17	33	101	95
Madison Jr High School	0120	Madison	Madison	162	32											
Elizabeth Graham Elem School	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	283	32	64	61	55	56	35	33	15	17	48	94	96
K D Waldo Middle School	1310	Aurora	Kane	1033	32	62	65	61	61	27	37	18	16		93	98
Perry Elementary School	3000	Carpentersville	Kane	674	32	61	61	59	50	31	32	8	17	27	103	104
Drexel Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	589	32	61	63	67	60	29	35	20	12	22	97	99
Oakdale Elem School	0600	Waukegan	Lake	525	32	64	66	70	63	29	34	19	17	33	96	97
Edna Keith Elem School	0860	Joliet	Will	425	32	60	53	58	63	32	32	14	18	33	94	95
Woodland Elem School	0860	Joliet	Will	518	32	68	65	66	70	33	33	12	11	24	99	102
Golfview Elem School	3000	Carpentersville	Kane	739	32	68	64	52	51	29	35	14	10	21	108	95
Brooks Middle School	1520	Harvey	Cook	521	32	64	68	64	62	32	32	16	15		93	94
Wanless Elem School	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	338	32											
Lozano Bilingual & Intl Elem Sch	2990	Chicago	Cook	295	32	67	72	66	65	34	30	9	12	33	99	103
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	0610	Decatur	Macon	477	32	63	67	66	60	31	34	15	19		89	91
W S Beaupre Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	419	32	58	60	57	53	31	34	23	24	22	96	94
Cicero East Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	836	32	57	57	59	56	30	35	15	16		98	99

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Wentworth Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	320	32	59	51	55	46	31	34	20	13	35	97	101
Lincoln Elem School	1170	Jacksonville	Morgan	254	33	65	75	69	72	36	30	9	19	26	100	98
Lake Park Elem School	0040	Addison	DuPage	451	33	70	72	78	85	36	39	12	16	32	99	88
Cannon Elem School	1180	Danville	Vermilion	277	33	66	56	62	68	33	32	9	14	31	95	98
Caroline Sibley Elem School	1490	Calumet City	Cook	809	33	62	62	62	61	39	26	14	19	41	97	94
Columbus East Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	564	33	62	65	63	63	32	34	18	16		96	96
Woodrow Wilson Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	914	33	61	56	59	59	30	35	15	14	34	99	101
Spencer Technology Acad Elem Sch	2990	Chicago	Cook	834	33	62	62	58	52	33	32	17	17	19	95	98
Everett Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	304	33	69	71	63	65	37	29	12	19	21	103	84
Amandla Charter High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	310	33	70	72	71	53	32	34	13	17		92	91
Jefferson Middle School	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	557	33	60	61	64	62	30	37	19	14		93	97
Carol Moseley Braun School	1490	Calumet City	Cook	379	33	62	63	66	62	35	31	10	17	43	92	93
Park Elementary School	1480	Riverdale	Cook	220	33	61	61	68	59	40	26	11	23	58	95	92
Cook Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	450	33	69	62	54	56	33	33	15	14	24	102	104
Whittier Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	385	33	64	60	59	54	30	37	18	11	27	101	94
Daley Elem Academy	2990	Chicago	Cook	745	33	63	66	59	52	25	41	11	10	18	98	104
Williams Prep Acad Middle School	2990	Chicago	Cook	123	33	67	76	70	81	31	35	12	11		98	100
G N Dieterich Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	783	33	65	62	58	55	28	38	14	10	24	98	97
Meredosia-Chambersburg Jr High	0110	Meredosia	Morgan	49	33	68	77	77	71	40	26	17	17		87	93
Hedges Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	863	33	59	57	57	59	32	34	20	22	22	98	96
Kozminski Community Academy ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	365	33	61	60	59	62	38	28	11	15	39	98	95

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National Teachers Elem Academy	2990	Chicago	Cook	529	33	74	73	60	60	32	34	12	14	29	94	87
Garfield Elem School	0890	Maywood	Cook	412	33	64	59	60	60	36	30	15	20	32	94	95
Talala Elementary School	201U	Park Forest	Will	325	33	74	70	74	70	37	29	9	13	33	101	95
Northview Elem School	1370	Rantoul	Champaign	244	33	66	70	67	73	33	33	13	18	29	93	97
Bouchet Math & Science Acad ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	696	33	58	56	49	45	36	30	13	13	36	100	101
Funston Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	624	33	68	65	64	59	33	33	10	11	38	100	96
Stowe Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	804	33	59	50	48	55	29	37	20	17	15	100	110
Deneen Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	533	33	61	61	49	46	30	36	18	13	29	95	99
Metcalfe Community Academy ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	438	33	64	70	69	68	35	32	16	17	31	95	97
Morrill Math & Sci Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	834	33	61	59	60	54	33	34	15	13	33	97	99
Wentworth Jr High School	1550	Calumet City	Cook	416	33	62	67	64	61	34	33	13	16		99	94
Lincoln Elementary School	1480	Dolton	Cook	400	33	72	74	62	66	33	34	14	14	38	87	94
Earle Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	350	33	57	66	54	44	34	33	14	14	31	104	108
Indian Hill Elem School	1160	Round Lake Height	Lake	541	33	68	71	71	75	38	29	11	16	34	101	99
John Gates Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	730	34	64	64	62	59	33	34	18	13	21	102	102
Beethoven Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	374	34	62	64	72	71	29	38	15	18	39	92	92
Ryerson Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	399	34	73	84	68	63	27	41	18	10	30	89	93
Columbus West Elementary School	0990	Cicero	Cook	916	34	63	61	67	57	31	36	15	9	29	102	105
Depriest Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	515	34	68	65	53	46	40	28	8	14	33	102	97
Conklin Elem School	2050	Rockford	Winnebago	389	34	59	54	53	55	28	39	22	14	33	97	104
Mabel O Donnell Elem School	1310	Aurora	Kane	512	34	73	68	61	59	34	34	10	17	24	101	94

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Parsons Accelerated School	0610	Decatur	Macon	347	34	56	73	66	57	35	33	20	20	29	99	94
Freeport Middle School	1450	Freeport	Stephenson	700	34	68	70	79	78	38	30	10	17		93	88
Bernard Long Elem Sch	0120	Madison	Madison	463	34											
Bennett Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	462	34	70	71	67	66	36	32	10	14	29	95	96
Gard Elementary School	0150	Beardstown	Cass	563	34	65	59	63	71	34	34	12	14	31	103	97
Liberty Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	867	34	60	57	69	57	30	38	16	11	30		
Lincoln-Douglas Elementary School	1450	Freeport	Stephenson	272	34	75	84	79	80	38	32	16	19	27	80	80
Davis N Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	973	34	63	69	60	61	33	34	17	16	23	100	103
C F Simmons Middle School	1310	Aurora	Kane	1070	34	70	69	66	64	32	36	15	13		98	96
KIPP Create Charter School	2990	Chicago	Cook	78	34											
Roosevelt Middle School	0880	Bellwood	Cook	551	34	67	63	61	59	38	30	12	13		99	98
Lincoln Elem School	2310	Rochelle	Ogle	263	34	74	72	79	69	32	37	11	10	46	89	89
Lincoln Elem School	1560	Calumet City	Cook	1088	34	66	63	67	64	37	32	10	15	43	96	96
Shawnee Elem School - North	0840	Grand Tower	Union	67	34	76	74	73	73	37	31	17	17	39		
Hendricks Community Academy ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	281	34	57	55	56	64	33	35	17	18	27	102	103
Shields Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1147	34	74	75	70	71	33	36	13	12	28	102	107
O'Toole Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	433	34	59	56	51	46	28	41	21	16	49	96	99
Gary Elementary School	0330	West Chicago	Dupage	675	34	69	68	62	61	34	35	17	17	25	94	96
Hampton Fine & Performing Arts ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	638	35	70	72	66	59	40	29	9	12	35	102	93
Melrose Park Elem School	0890	Melrose Park	Cook	954	35	67	64	64	65	33	37	13	14	25	98	95
J W Eater Jr High School	1370	Rantoul	Champaign	491	35	69	68	71	71	38	32	14	15		97	90

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Pleasant Hill Elem School	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	279	35	63	60	61	67	32	37	14	10	35	97	105
Durfee Elem School	0610	Decatur	Macon	353	35	60	68	66	66	36	34	14	16	27	99	100
Franklin Primary School	1500	Peoria	Peoria	553	35	61	66	67	70	32	37	10	13	42	96	94
Clearview Elem School	0600	Waukegan	Lake	744	35	70	64	68	56	35	35	13	11	25	97	96
Washington Elementary School	1720	Quincy	Adams	280	35	62	69	72	67	46	28	2	5	43		
Plato Learning Acad Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	465	35	73	68	59	49	39	31	11	14	41	95	95
Walt Whitman Elem School	0210	Wheeling	Cook	650	35	54	54	56	53	29	42	22	12	28	101	109
Crosby Elem Sch	0500	Harvard	McHenry	817	35	67	63			35	35	11	10	35		
Burnham Elem School	1545	Burnham	Cook	191	35	71	75	70	61	40	31	7	10	32	96	91
Sandburg Elem School	1520	Harvey	Cook	225	35	62	62	71	60	34	37	8	12	37	109	102
Galapagos Elem Charter School	2990	Chicago	Cook	341	35	64	66	63	65	35	36	15	13	31	94	98
Park Manor Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	332	35	70	57	52	55	35	35	14	16	22	100	100
Robinson Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	144	35	30	51		54	41	30	15	30	41		
T Roosevelt Elem School	0990	Cicero	Cook	643	35	65	64	63	59	32	39	17	14		94	95
Prather Elementary School	0090	Granite City	Madison	435	35	70	75	71	65	36	35	17	12	33	91	90
Washington Elem School	1470	Harvey	Cook	298	35	75	67	76	65	34	38	17	14	31	87	87
Mozart Elem School	2990	Chicago	Cook	794	35	68	72	66	69	36	35	11	15	22	100	97
Jefferson Middle School	1290	Aurora	Kane	818	35	68	73	71	71	39	32	13	15		94	92
Hay Community Academy ES	2990	Chicago	Cook	583	35	64	65	59	59	34	36	17	15	38	92	96
Mark Twain Elem School	0210	Wheeling	Cook	565	36	65	60	58	56	28	43	15	8	22	102	108

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Chicago Vocational Achievement Academy HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	18	0	1	4	1		0	0	43	29	13	0	67
Chicago Excel Acad	2990	Chicago	Cook	64	1					1	0	51	55		0	15
Community Services West HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	126	3	1	6	0	4	6	0	39	44	13	0	22
Robeson High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	644	3	6	3	2	2	3	4	48	52	14	5	52
Collins Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	419	4	11	10	12		4	3	16	40	16	5	67
Hirsch Metropolitan High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	410	4	3	6	7	9	5	3	42	46	14	1	38
Crane Technical Prep High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	354	4	6	4	3	8	6	2	39	56	14	2	68
YBMC Charter Sch	0050	Normal	McLean	43	4		8	11		4	4	48	48	13	0	31
Chicago Talent Dev High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	276	5	3				6	4	35	44	14	2	76
Harper High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	585	5	7	11	6	6	8	2	29	42	15	6	64
Orr Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	830	6	5	10	7	7	10	2	30	46	14	2	53
Prologue - Johnston Fine Arts HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	198	6	2	4			9	2	26	44	16	11	24
VOISE Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	341	6	9	6			7	5	17	48	16	7	64
Austin Bus & Entrepreneurship High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	225	6	4	5	10	6	9	4	33	51	14	0	74
Corliss High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	587	7	9	5	9	8	8	5	33	43	15	2	59

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Dyett High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	201	7	13	6	2	5	6	7	30	39	15	5	53
Springfield Learning Academy	1860	Springfield	Sangamon	67	7	9				9	4	44	48	14	0	40
Marshall Metropolitan High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	743	7	7	5	3	4	6	7	33	39	14	5	55
Youth Connections Charter HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	3763	7	7	10	19	20	9	4	30	39	14	2	30
Tomorrows Builders Charter Schl	1890	East Saint Louis	Saint Clair	63	7	0	1		3	14	0	21	50	13	0	12
Richards Career Academy HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	522	7	8	6	6	13	10	5	33	39	15	2	65
Gage Park High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	921	8	10	7	9	11	11	4	28	29	15	6	52
Bowen High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	598	8		7	8	7	12	3	29	44	14	0	65
Tilden Career Community Academy HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	431	8	4	7	6	7	10	6	29	34	14	3	61
Dunbar Vocational Career Acad HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	1243	8	7	6	10	7	12	4	15	34	15	2	84
Chicago Vocational Career Acad HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	871	9	6	0	11	4	13	4	17	35	15	3	79
Hope College Preparatory HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	493	9	8	8	12	14	11	7	23	40	15	1	75
School of Leadership High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	461	9	4	8	7	3	13	6	24	51	14	1	60
Douglass Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	412	9	7	11	3	5	15	3	32	39	15	2	48
Team Englewood Comm Acad HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	394	10	4	8	8		11	9	15	35	15	1	41
Manley Career Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	559	10	6	5	6	6	13	7	28	48	15	0	55

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East St Louis Senior High School	1890	East Saint Louis	Saint Clair	1629	10	7	11	9	9	14	6	28	40	15	3	67
Clemente Community Academy HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	871	11	11	15	13	8	14	7	23	27	15	7	71
Raby High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	475	11	10	10	14	10	12	9	15	37	16	8	88
Fenger Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	598	11	4	5	5	3	16	7	30	45	14	2	73
Julian High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1162	12	12	9	10	9	16	7	17	28	16	8	74
Hyde Park Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1240	12	13	14	12	13	16	7	22	32	16	10	56
Bogan High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1447	12	13	11	13	10	15	9	18	29	16	7	75
Kelvyn Park High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1065	13	11	10	13	13	14	12	24	28	15	3	57
Belvidere Endeavor High School	1000	Belvidere	Boone	45	14	18				23	4	15	23	16	7	33
Shabazz International Chrtr Schls	2990	Chicago	Cook	917	14	6	7	11	9	17	10	12	24	15	4	74
Austin Polytechnical Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	183	14	5	9	7		15	13	23	25	15	0	52
Cairo Jr/Sr High School	0010	Cairo	Alexander	171	14	11	18	8	11	18	11	14	39	14	7	65
Sullivan High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	830	14	12	11	19	14	15	13	30	27	15	6	54
Harlan Community Academy HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	1265	14	9	8	8	7	19	9	26	38	15	5	59
Wells Community Academy HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	636	15	11	10	9	9	16	14	29	28	15	4	65
IJLA Charter High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	160	15					19	11	21	19		0	7
EPIC Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	481	15	17				20	10	8	23	17	13	77

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Chicago Technology Academy HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	375	15	13				25	5	13	28	15	7	74
North Chicago Community High Sch	1870	North Chicago	Lake	860	15	16	13	13	20	18	12	23	27	15	9	63
Manual Academy	1500	Peoria	Peoria	999	15	11			12	17	14	20	27	15	7	67
Clark Acad Prep Magnet HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	537	16	17	15	15	22	20	11	7	23	16	8	88
Aspira Charter High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1454	16	20	17	19	17	17	14	18	25	16	12	62
Phillips Academy High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	634	16	4	11	5	3	18	14	22	23	14	1	59
Proviso East High School	2090	Maywood	Cook	1925	16	12	10	14	13	20	11	17	27	15	5	73
Schurz High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	2471	16	15	17	14	14	17	15	23	25	16	10	66
Meredosia-Chambersburg High Sch	0110	Meredosia	Morgan	65	17	44	36	41	46	17	17	17	50	18	33	79
Foreman High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1580	17	17	14	10	15	13	20	18	20	16	9	53
Madison Senior High School	0120	Madison	Madison	161	18	17	9	7	6	20	15	18	30	16	7	88
Young Womens Leadership Chartr HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	345	18	24	23	15	12	26	10	6	14	17	12	86
Bronzeville Scholastic High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	513	18	17	17	14	14	25	11	7	20	17	9	89
Thornton Township High School	2050	Harvey	Cook	1839	18	20	17	24	27	21	14	17	25	16	11	65
Ford Power House Charter HS	2990	Chicago	Cook	338	18	5	10			21	15	17	27	15	2	7

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SIU Charter Sch of East St Louis	1890	East Saint Louis	Saint Clair	118	18	29	5		10	21	15	21	36	17	21	96
Bluffs High School	0020	Bluffs	Scott	72	18	31	27	32	35	21	16	26	16	17	18	93
Hillcrest High School	2280	Country Club Hill	Cook	1233	18	24	24	35	30	20	17	19	26	17	17	71
Meridian High School	1010	Mounds	Pulaski	149	19	18	26	18	22	22	16	31	28	15	7	54
Roosevelt High School	2990	Chicago	Cook	1457	19	14	15	16	14	19	19	24	27	16	10	52

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